

AMENDMENT

Entry of the following is respectfully requested. Kindly amend the following.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly delete the paragraph commencing on Page 1, line 5.

Kindly insert the following paragraph on Page 1, line 5:

This application is a Continuation of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to United States Patent Application Number 09/577,653 entitled: *Cordless Power Tool Battery Release Mechanism*, filed on May 24, 2000 which in turn claims priority as a continuation-in-part under 35 U.S.C. §120 to United States Patent Application Number 29/105,748, filed on June 1, 1999, entitled: Battery Powered Drill/Driver, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.